Reduction of stipend of PG students

†2659. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount of stipend of 1st and llnd year PG. doctors working in National Ayurveda Institute has been reduced from September, 2005;

(b) the amount saved by Government as a result thereof;

(c) the grounds for such a reduction; and

(d) whether Government would consider to restore the previous amount of stipend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Minor reduction has been made in case of PG students in National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur so as to bring uniformity in the rate of stipend for all the National Institutes *viz.* National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur, National Institute of Siddha, Chennai, National Institute of Homoeopathy, Kolkata, Institute of Post-Graduate Teaching & Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar and National Institute of Unani Medicine, Bangalore under Department of AYUSH.

The question of overall saving does not arise, as students pursuing courses in Homoeopathy, Unani and Siddha were in receipt of less stipend. However, according to information provided by National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur there is a saving of Rs. 7.71 lac there.

Pesticides in Colas

2660. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERIEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of pesticide residues, such as Lindane and Chlorpyrifos found in Coca-Cola; and

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(b) the quantity of pesticide content found in Pepsi?

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